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SEPTEMBER 16-21, 1974

ATTACHED IS CHAIRMAN'S WEEKLY REPORT FOR PERIOD
SEPTEMBER 16-21, 1974, AS APPROVED BY AHG ON
SEPTEMBER 23.

BEGIN TEXT. 1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 67 OF
C-M(73)83(FINAL), THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED,
FOLLOWING CONSULTATION WITH THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE
AD HOC GROUP, AS THE REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN (DENMARK)
ON THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE AD HOC GROUP FOR THE WEEK

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ENDING 21ST SEPTEMBER, 1974.

2. THE GROUP AGREED THAT THE PLENARY MEETINGS SHOULD CONTINUE WITH THE SAME FREQUENCY AS DURING THE THIRD ROUND WITH THE WESTERN STATEMENT TO BE DELIVERED, FOR THE TIME BEING, ONLY AT EVERY SECOND PLENARY. THE ALLIES WILL ACCORDINGLY SEEK THE INFORMAL AGREEMENT OF THE EAST THAT THE PLENARY MEETINGS WILL BE HELD ONCE A WEEK, PREFERABLY ON THURSDAYS.

3. THE GROUP DISCUSSED AN OUTLINE FOR THE WESTERN STATEMENT TO BE DELIVERED AT THE FIRST PLENARY MEETING SCHEDULED FOR 24TH SEPTEMBER. IT WILL CONSTITUTE A GENERAL REVIEW OF THE WESTERN POSITION AND, AT THE SAME TIME, DRAW THE ATTENTION OF THE EAST TO THE IMPORTANCE OF SEEKING A COMMON UNDERSTANDING ON THE QUESTION OF WHOSE FORCES SHOULD BE REDUCED FROM THE OUTSET.

4. IT WAS AGREED THAT THE EAST SHOULD BE APPROACHED TO OBTAIN AGREEMENT ON THE RESUMPTION OF INFORMAL SESSIONS AND TO PROPOSE THAT THESE BE HELD ONCE A WEEK. THE GROUP AGREED THAT THE FIRST INFORMAL SESSIONS WOULD BE DEVOTED TO A CONTINUATION OF THE DISCUSSION ON THE SUBJECT OF WHOSE FORCES SHOULD BE REDUCED FROM THE OUTSET.

5. THE GROUP HEARD A REPORT BY THE BELGIAN REPRESENTATIVE ON THE BRIEFING GIVEN TO THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL ON 26TH JULY AND AGREED TO PROPOSE THE 25TH OCTOBER FOR THE NEXT BRIEFING TO THE COUNCIL WHEN THE GROUP WILL BE COMPOSED OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF LUXEMBOURG (CHAIRMAN) CANADA AND NORWAY. THE GROUP WILL APPRECIATE RECEIVING THE COUNCIL'S APPROVAL OF THIS PROPOSED DATE.

6. THE GROUP DISCUSSED TACTICS FOR DEALING WITH THE EAST DURING THE FIRST FEW WEEKS OF THE NEW ROUND. THE GROUP NOTED ON THE BASIS OF AN ORAL REPORT OF THE SYG REP THE PROGRESS OF WORK IN NATO BODIES ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW GUIDANCE. THERE WAS CONSENSUS

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IN THE GROUP THAT, IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE MOMENTUM OF THE NEGOTIATIONS COUNCIL GUIDANCE IS URGENTLY NEEDED ON THE FOLLOWING POINTS AS DEFINED MORE FULLY IN PART TWO OF THE AD HOC GROUP REPORT TO THE COUNCIL OF JULY 23, 1974:

(A) FURTHER CLARIFICATIONS ON LINKAGE BETWEEN PHASES (ITEMS I AND II OF PARAGRAPH 3 OF THE AD

HOC GROUP REPORT);

(B) THE LATEST ALLIANCE-AGREED DATA ON THE FORCES OF BOTH SIDES, FOR INTERNAL USE (PARAGRAPH 6);

(C) GUIDANCE ON WHETHER TO INFORM THE EAST OF THE NEW ALLIANCE AGREED FIGURES FOR OVERALL NATO AND WARSAW PACT GROUND FORCES MANPOWER (PARAGRAPHS 10-13);

(D) THE DEFINITION OF GROUND FORCES (PARAGRAPH 7);

(E) GUIDANCE ON WHETHER TO GIVE TO THE EAST THE FIGURES FOR OVERALL AIR FORCE MANPOWER ON BOTH SIDES (PARAGRAPH 8);

(F) GUIDANCE ON WHETHER TO PROPOSE, IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES FORESEEN IN THE AD HOC GROUP REPORT, A RECIPROCAL EXCHANGE OF DATA WITH THE EAST ON A COUNTRY-BY-COUNTRY BASIS (PARAGRAPH 14).

7. THE GROUP WOULD WELCOME IT IF GUIDANCE ON THE FIRST OF THESE POINTS COULD BE PROVIDED BY SEPTEMBER 30. GUIDANCE ON THE REMAINING POINTS WOULD BE NEEDED BY OCTOBER 5. END TEXT.RESOR

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